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bris thrown inside by children, for they were not forbidden to play there. The fire was kept blazing during the meeting with the door closed, so that they would sweat. A pile of wood was stacked within the doorway on the south side for the convenience of the fire tender (autura'k), an old man who alone had the duty of feeding the fire.

As evening came on, the chief would stand in the open to call the men to the meeting: "they might have something to discuss." He advised them to bring enough tobacco, so that the unprovided would not lack it. Meetings always began by smoking privately, not passing their lighted cigarettes around. Two or three were selected to do all the talking (whether orators who had dreamed or others is not clear). In the early evening they discussed "things like crops." Toward the middle of the night arrangements would be made for hunting. Warfare was discussed. (Young men were not supposed to go off on unauthorized raids, but if they did, they were nevertheless praised.) Talking would continue until the appearance of the morning star, which was taken as the signal to break up. They did not think it proper to leave early in the night: if topics were exhausted they sang until this star rose. No one was allowed to sleep, because the older men were delivering admonitions and advice to their juniors; telling them not to gamble, to treat their wives well, not to beg even though starving, not to be lazy, and the like. Anyone who slept was sent out. There were no guards at the door.

Such formal division of the night was a characteristic Maricopa pattern. Not only did it appear in the framework of dreamed experiences with spirits, but their actual sleeping habits were made to conform. Children were kept awake during the first part of the night and roused early before dawn to avoid dreaming during these ill-starred quarters of the night. Shamans, at least when working over a dying patient, abruptly changed their songs with the passage of the night's divisions. The night was supposed to be divided into quarters, but none of the experiences and practices cited to me conformed literally to this fourfold pattern. Here the meeting is described as of three parts: indifferent evening, deep night with its more serious problems, and

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about the bees as enemies; how they were finally exterminated; 533
then how happy they were that the crops were coming up nicely and the enemy all slain.

Turtle was sung "for fun but mostly when they killed an enemy." Its words were "difficult to make out" (because in the Kohuana tongue?). The old man singer had three or four more to help: they called each other by "what was almost a kinship term," ĭnyă'ł (a Kohuana word).

Twisting was a shaman's song among Maricopa and Halchidhoma, used as a last resort in the treatment of a kind of "rheumatism," in which the legs, arms, or body were twisted. The song was called by the same name as the disease, xikwi'rĭc (from ăkwi'ră, to twist something). It may be significant that the Mohave song name Hayakwira, to which this song was given in response, refers to a twisting animal, a rattlesnake. [755]

Wine, that is the fermented drink made of giant cactus fruit, was sung only at the celebration when this was drunk in mid-June. The Halchidhoma informant said, "The Halchidhoma were the first to sing it, the Pima got it from them, and the Maricopa from the Pima." There was no special dance with the singing. "When they are drunk they think of war." He who first dreamed it heard the dead enemy singing it. It described "red water" (blood), its appearance and how it was made; apparently identifying the sahuaro drink with blood. It told how the enemy joins for the drinking: they had been together in fighting, now they would be together drinking. The name of the song xatca' was related to that of the celebration, xatca'poŭm, "water mixing." (This song should not be confused with xĭtca', "Pleiades," which although known to Mohave, was not sung locally.) [173] [177]

Yaxai'k (meaning unknown) was sung by an old woman or man who stood leaning on a staff. It is identical in this respect with Mohave Nyohaiva, and like it refers to fighting. The song described how the enemy behaved when chased, how he was caught, and how his relatives felt. It declared that they were not crying but dancing for joy because their son was killed: an insult.

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CURING AND BEWITCHING

753 761 787 Illness and death were occasioned in four ways: by bad dreams, by the loss of the soul, by the intrusion of a disease object brought about by witchcraft, and by natural causes, old age and violence.[25] The most common cause was bad dreaming: such disorders as bowel complaints, diarrhoea, colds, pains in the chest and side, were attributed to it. Loss of the soul was also [774] common, but less so: this brought fainting spells. Soul loss was due solely to having dreamed of the dead: dead relatives came to persuade the dreamer to join them. Since these two concepts cover practically all cases, Last Star's declaration was justified that "it was always by dreaming that one got sick."

753 787 Dreaming wrong meant dreaming of certain things, mostly unspecified, contact with which in the dream brought it about that one acquired an illness. These illnesses were forever afloat in the world around. They were the blood, the sum of all dis- [773] eases, which gushed from the ground at the time of creation despite Cipas' efforts to stem it (p. 347). Since bad dreams which caused illness were also defined as those of the evening and dawn, when the spirit birds fought and bloodstains were everywhere (p. 248), it seems probable that this ancient heritage of blood-disease was meant. The acquisition of such illness was not in any way due to spirits, whether by the spirits' own activity or a shaman calling on his familiar to inflict disease. Spirits were concerned only in that they had taught each shaman his cures.

756 The shaman's part in curing was that of one who had the power to draw out the particular illness, because a revelation had been made in his dreams. During the course of the cure he was not possessed, nor did he so much as call on his familiar for aid. [755] He blew, breathed, and sucked on the patient, and brushed with the hand, to allay the fever and pain and to draw the illness from him. But he did not suck out a disease object.

753 It is doubtful that this should be included with the classical

[762] [25] We may remark incidentally that our informants knew of no cases of suicide.

There was no belief comparable to that of the Pima that death was due to Sun and Night (Russell, *Pima Indians*, pp. 193, 251).

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753 787 [756] patient, his limbs twisted. This could be cured by a shaman who dreamed of either Coyote or Buzzard (the informant was uncertain).

[824] Another plant, called i'iuxa's, "scraped wood," caused chills and fever. The shaman never told in this connection of what he himself had dreamed. On diagnosing an illness as due to this cause he secretly dispatched a man of l,ew'c sib for ironwood (axpa'lg) in the morning. A limb was scraped and fashioned into [755] an image of the patient by this man, who at noon suddenly entered and held it close before the patient's eyes. When the latter saw it, he began to cry aloud. Then the shaman proceeded with his cure.[27]

The most dangerous thing of which to dream was kwarao'-kuma'clc, "iron eater." (kwarao' was the name formerly applied to the stone of which knife blades were made, presumably obsidian, now transferred to iron.) The informant knew nothing of this dream object but its name. This disease caused sores, which ate away the flesh and the bone below. A shaman who could cure [756] this had dreamed of a high pile of sand. When a hole is dug into the base of a pile of loose sand, the sand runs in as fast as one removes it. Hence the spirit (what it was is unknown) showed him how to stop it with his hand, which he then knew how to apply to the running sore.

115 756 Curing shamans were relatively few; five or six at any time. There is a question whether women were ever shamans. Last Star declared that there were none known among Maricopa and Kaveltcadom, although Mohave, Yuma, and Halchidhoma had them. Kutox's statement that at any one time there were one or two is probably to be interpreted as referring to the mixed community as a whole or to his own Halchidhoma group.[28]

755 The manner of calling a shaman to cure was stereotyped. An elderly man of the patient's family approached the shaman's house, calling him by the appropriate kinship term. He did not

[171] [27] This is reminiscent of Pima and Papago curing by touching effigies in the Vikita-Navitco complex.

[28] Last Star confirmed Russell's statement that the Pima women shamans specialized on abdominal diseases (*Pima Indians*, p. 261).

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hesitate to wake the shaman in this fashion if he went at night. The response was always by the women of the shaman's household, whereon the visitor told at once why he came. He told that the patient "needed help through the night or day, to see how he would get along. 'Whether you know just what the sickness is or not, we want you to take care of our whole family.'" The shaman never left at once with the petitioner, but came some time after.

Curing took place inside the dwelling. It was darkened, the fire put out, but the shaman "could see clearly as though it were daylight." The shaman did not approach the patient at once, but sat apart, while those of the household explained that the patient was very sick. When he seated himself beside the sick man, he felt all over the latter's body to find whether he suffered from fever, headache, or whatever. He never asked the patient for symptoms but discovered the cause of the illness for himself. He then proceeded to relieve him by brushing with his hand, blowing spittle and perhaps smoke on the patient, and sucking his body. He brushed with the side of his hand, back and forth, barely touching the sick man. Most of the brushing was directed toward the feet so as to avoid driving the sickness toward the heart. The sick man always lay with his head to the east, with the shaman south of him so that he could brush and press mostly with his left hand. Shamans maintained that they could always do better with that hand. (Last Star did not know their reason.) He breathed and sprayed with spittle "to give him his hot or cold breath," as needed to relieve chills or fever. He also sucked "to take out the fever," but did not suck out any disease object.[39]

Maricopa shamans used neither feathers for brushing nor a rattle when singing, as the Pima did. Yet the phrase "to sing to

[39] There are several references to sand as a magical curative agent in the myths of the Maricopa and other Yumans. The Anza documents describe its actual use more than once; e.g., Eixarch (1776) related that a Yuman shaman rubbed sand on a sick man's stomach (Bolton, *Anza's California Expeditions*, III, 377). Kroeber recorded it as a Mohave practice (*Handbook*, p. 777). My Maricopa informants had no knowledge of its use.

The Pima use of stone tablets found in ruins for curing was also not Maricopa (Russell, *Pima Indians*, pp. 112, 266). Informants had no knowledge of these objects.

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192 756 [648] cure" was translated by my interpreter into Maricopa as axna'l-mĭtce"vĭk, "gourd [rattle] singing."[30] This may be because they now call in Pima shamans.

755 Usually at a cure several old men sat beside the shaman to lend him their strength, but they did not sing.

[276] Before the shaman began, he smoked two or three cigarettes or even four if the patient was very sick. He also stopped from time to time to smoke. "The shaman felt weak without his tobacco, like a man without food and water. He smoked to make himself feel strong." It is not clear that the shaman blew smoke over the sick man. Last Star did not mention it as part of the [115] procedure and his statement that the shaman stopped to smoke implies otherwise. Kutox, on the other hand, said that he blew smoke over the patient's body, but did not describe it in his own cure, cited below. The tobacco used by shamans did not differ from that of the layman.

533 755 The shaman sang two songs or four over the patient when he knew he would recover. Only if the patient was seriously ill did the shaman begin singing from the first. "His songs were like prayers." He sang them to gain strength. These were songs he had learned in dreams and which he used only when curing; otherwise he kept them secret. The songs told how the spirit had taken him to the mountain tops to reveal the cures, but they did not describe this explicitly. In the course of his songs he named the disease and told the patient that "when he heard these songs he might get well."[31]

[822] If, while singing, the shaman mentioned only things that were white (birds or whatever) and called the patient's breath white, 533 755 the auditors were sure he would get well. But if he changed these 763 references to black, the patient was doomed. On the fourth night (theoretically a shaman was given four nights to effect a cure), if

[114] [30] Forde's Yuma informant, ascribing the use of a rattle to the Maricopa, was presumably mistaken (*Yuma Ethnography*, p. 198).

[171] [31] Informants had never heard of curing by the songs of animals diagnosed as causing the disease, as did the Pima; such causes being foreign to their belief. Possible exceptions were the singing of Blackbird song for sickness "caused by the deer" and the belief that rabbits caused illness and supplied its cure.

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the shaman saw the case was hopeless, he sang during the first half of the night to persuade the sick man not to go to the other world. He reminded him that all he owned was here. During the latter half of the night, toward morning, he "pushed him on," telling him that the other world was pleasant; there he would be as happy as were those who had preceded him. All this he told in song, not by oration.

A shaman ordinarily knew the cure for only a single sickness as taught him by one spirit; rarely he would know two or three, having been taught by various spirits. He would try for a day or two, and if he found he did not "know the sickness," he gave way to another. Theoretically he needed four nights to make the cure. Five or six shamans might be called before the patient was cured. A number of sick might gather to be cured at one time by a single shaman.

The fee was a horse, a native woven blanket, a small strip of woven cloth, or a string of beads; in later times a dollar a night. No mention of pay was made before he began: if he did not cure, he received no pay. Kutox stated that if he failed of a cure, he was nevertheless offered half the amount because he had tried, but the shaman would refuse.

One who had failed to cure might be accused of bewitching the patient and be killed. Undoubtedly had he accepted payment when he failed, they would be certain that he had bewitched for his own gain. In these cases the reaction was perhaps as automatic as that of the Mohave in taking vengeance on a shaman who failed: "they would give him no chance at all." Nevertheless, I was assured that the Maricopa did not kill an unsuccessful shaman whose efforts were believed to have been honest.[32]

The only instance of an actual cure I could obtain was unfortunately one in which the shaman was a Pima.

I [Kutox] have been cured several times; that is why I am old. Once I got so sick I did not know myself. I had a bad headache and felt nervous all over. I started off from the field where I was working. My house was a scant quarter mile away, but I could not reach it; I had to lie down. All day I stayed there in the shade, until late in the evening they took me home. They sent for a Pima

[32] This seems also to have been the Mohave attitude (Kroeber, *Handbook*, p. 778).

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159 shaman, named ḳatoi', the best of his time. When he arrived, he announced that
● 755 he cured only at night. That night he cured inside the house; there was no fire.
648 He held his long eagle feathers in his left hand: these were four, bound in pairs to a short wooden handle. In his right hand was his gourd rattle. He sat with these and as he sang, everything was made clear to him. We thought it too dark for him to see, but for him it was broad daylight. I lay crosswise just in front of him. Only my wife was present with us.

As I had such a high fever, the shaman fanned me with his feathers to wave it away. When he had reduced the fever, he could see plainly who had bewitched
[754] me. He sang his songs as he fanned. I did not understand clearly, since he sang in Pima, but they were about Coyote. Coyote described the one who had bewitched me, told the shaman. When a spirit thus describes the right one, the patient gets well, but if it is wrong, he dies.

He would bend over me, but not touch my body. He took out what was in me, breathing hard as if swallowing something. Suddenly he jerked away and acted as though he was going to vomit. When he took it out of his mouth, it was a little grain of charcoal. Sometimes it is a little pebble, the size of a wheat grain: it depends on what the seizure is. If a fingernail were thrown into one, the sick man would have cramps [probably paralysis]. When he took this out, he switched his feathers back and forth to knock all the sickness away from me. Finally he told me who had bewitched me and why.

753 Curing for the loss of the soul was obtained as a generalized
774 description. The loss was due to dreaming of the dead; its symp-
787 tom fainting or dizziness. A person dreams he is in the land of the dead. If he eats anything given him there, he gets sick. He might dream repeatedly of this, join in the games there, and because it gave him pleasure, dream of it every night. Such a one would faint; then they always sent for a shaman who knew how to
755 treat it. The shaman's procedure was to search for indications
774 of the route the soul had taken toward the land of the dead, in order to pursue and capture it. He was one who had dreamed of Horned Owl. Significant of the extent of this type of illness and curing was the informant's statement that "this has often happened and they always tell it this way."

When the shaman neared the patient's home, he stopped from time to time trying to discover which way the soul had been taken, that is, whether by air or along the earth. He circled the locality counterclockwise, which "he says is circling the whole
[775] world." The dead were believed to have a path into this world from each of the cardinal directions. But they, the dead, rarely used the east and north roads, which were through the air. South and west roads were along the earth. When the shaman reached

the spot where the dead had come and taken the soul, he had chills if they had gone by the south road. He continued circling until by the fourth circuit the patient's house was reached. Should he fail to find signs of the lost soul, he was certain that it must be halfway to the land of the dead. He then quickly rolled his cigarettes and puffed them into the air. By this means, he sent a flame after them. When they, the dead, saw the flame following, "just like blood coming over," they left the soul and ran off. But they always tried to put the patient's soul in front of them, and told it not to look back. If it did so and saw the flames following, the patient recovered consciousness. "Then they [humans] ask him and he tells what happened."

Curing shamans accompanied war parties to exercise their art. One named wantcâvari' (Juan Chevereah)[33] dreamed how to cure those who were shot, "so they always took him along to war." He dreamed of Buzzard, Duck (a particular species?, ωķ'ωķ), and Gnat (? unyĭpâwa'pâwa'). When a warrior fell shot, he sang, moving about him with arms and legs stiff. He could cure arrow wounds only. Another Maricopa could cure not only these, but gun, spear, and knife wounds. "He also dreamed of these three spirits, but got more power."

Bewitching was a practice open to shamans, not to everyone. These were shamans, I was told, who had dreamed especially of Frog and Orion's Belt. But a conflicting statement suggests that bewitching was not confined to them. "All shamans could bewitch (matâðau'g). The spirit gives the shaman the choice of curing or bewitching, but the spirit tells him that he will not live long if he chooses the latter." Again, "a man who bewitched others would never try to cure. He would always try to bewitch." The truth seems to be that all shamans made only a partial choice.

The reason assigned for bewitching was jealousy. A handsome person or one who was prosperous was commonly the subject of witchcraft, thought Kutox, who was forever boasting how handsome he had been in his earlier days.

[33] Named as a Maricopa chief by the Mohave and the *Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1858*, p. 207.

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278 his legs or arm hanging in the hole, covered with a blanket.
757 When mashed while fresh and boiled, or even chewed dry, this plant served as a specific for colds, headache, and rheumatism.
[825] Since it was believed that rattlesnakes were afraid of the plant (hence its name), it was chewed and spat on horses' hoofs when travelling at night so that they would not be bitten. When all else failed for rheumatism, a cautery was used. For this purpose the cottony seed fiber of taci'l, or a pledget of cotton rolled into a ball, was burned on the painful spot. A cautery was called tcĭmàkω'l like the balls of fiber on this plant. Ordinarily smoking was first tried to stop toothache (iθωʀa'vȧk; iθω, "teeth"), or they bit on black mesquite bark, or held a mouthful of water, warm or cold. For earache (smalgȧʀa'vȧ; smal, "ear"), the sufferer placed his ear over a little hole in the ground into which a few coals were dropped. Blue corn was also mentioned without explanation as a cure for this. A shaman was resorted to for
[755] severe tooth- or earaches: for the latter he repeatedly puffed smoke in front of the ear and sucked out "something." The shaman for earaches was one who had dreamed of "small animals, cottontails, jackrabbits, and the like." The root of ipil,ima'n was used for sores; either mashed and boiled, when the sores were washed with the liquor, or slicing and drying the root to lay on the sores. (The plant resembled rhubarb; its root was chocolate colored and shaped like a sweet potato.)

SHAMANISTIC PERFORMANCES

789 The primary function of shamans was curing; séances were in-
[533] frequent, mostly clairvoyant, and these on the whole definitely utilitarian. Shamans also sang curing songs for pure entertainment according to one informant, although a second denied it.

[527] Shamans seem to have performed their tricks to give evidence of their powers only at large gatherings, when dances, races, and games were held. The great dances were those of January and February, when the wheat sprouted, and again at harvest time in late August–September. Another occasion for their display was at the sahurao-drinking celebration in mid-June.

The principal feat was handling live coals; swallowing and

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these metals exist within the limits of the several reservations. A few adventurers claim that if the Indian title to the land could be extinguished enterprising miners would soon develop paying quantities of the precious metals, but such statements need verification.

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CUSTOMS AND RELIGION.—Should one of the tribe die, it was formerly the practice to burn the tent, hunt and kill all the animals owned by the deceased, and destroy all his property; but such practices have been abandoned within the past 15 years. Their mode of burial now is to dig a grave 5 or 6 feet in depth, then dig a vault at one side large enough to receive the body, fill the grave, and cover it with poles or brush, probably to prevent the violation of sepulture by the coyotes. Several such Indian burying grounds may now be seen on the Gila River reservation.

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Viewed from a religious standpoint, a steady advance has been made within the past 15 years, though the progress has been slow. The Presbyterian church has erected a small adobe chapel at this agency, in which Sunday school and other services are held every week and are well attended. In addition, a small adobe chapel has been erected and partially completed at Blackwater village, about 12 miles east of the agency, but within the limits of the reservation, with a church membership of 22, about equally divided between the sexes. The Pimas have 2 church buildings, valued at $2,000.

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PROGRESS.—The material and economic progress made by the Pima and Maricopa tribes within the past 15 years is quite noticeable. Formerly all carcasses of horses and mules which fell on the great road stretching along the south bank of the Gila river, through what is now the Pima reservation, were quickly appropriated by the Indians and used as food. Their dwellings were then miserable huts, built of brush and weeds; now there are nearly 100 adobe houses, and a large number of their huts are built of willows and sticks, well plastered on the sides and roof with adobe, those among them who can do so building houses in the Mexican style. According to a count made July 1, 1890, out of 880 dwellings of all kinds 60 were adobe houses.

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The agent is encouraging improvements by issuing a new wagon to each Indian who builds a house, imposing the condition that the wagon shall be properly cared for and housed. On the fulfillment of certain other conditions he issues a plow or harrow, thus encouraging improved methods of farming. The Indians quite readily avail themselves of these opportunities, and since September 1, 1889, there have been issued 22 wagons, 12 sets of harness, 30 plows, 200 shovels, 200 hoes, 50 iron rakes, 100 axes, 100 sickles, and 40 swamp hooks. The Pimas are self-supporting, receiving no rations or annuities and no gifts from the government except farming tools, and their desire for these implements shows the progress that is being made in agriculture among them.

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In dress great progress has been made in adopting that of the whites. Probably one-half of the men wear shirts, pants, shoes, and hats; one-third go barefoot; rarely one may be seen at his cabin without covering to the legs. Some of the children wear very little clothing. The women wear no shoes in warm weather. A scanty skirt, with blouse waist, suffices for their covering, except that they wear a shawl, or a cheap substitute for one, drawn around their shoulders without folds and falling to the knees. No covering for the head is worn except when the shawl is drawn over it. Red is the prevailing color of the dress; the brighter it is the more desirable it will be. The hair is parted in the middle and combed back, and is usually worn long by both sexes, but the men have been encouraged to cut their hair short and wear hats, and efforts in this direction are meeting with some success.

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MORALS OF THE PIMAS AND MARICOPAS.—Drunkenness, prostitution, theft, and gambling may be classed as the prevailing vices of these Indians. According to the best authority attainable drunkenness is on the increase among the Pimas. The cause of this increase may be traced to contact with the whites, who sell them intoxicants. They manufacture a cheap fermented liquor from corn or cactus fruit and indulge in drinking at their dances; but drinking does not appear to be more common with them than among the whites, and, indeed, one has but to stand by any of the many open bars of the territory to become convinced that drinking prevails extensively among the superior race. Cases of prostitution are too common, but do not seem to be increasing. Instances of brawls and quarrels are not frequent unless some of the parties are drunk. Fifty Indian boys attending school will pursue boisterous games day after day and never engage in a quarrel or a fight. The Pimas as a tribe are peaceful, and claim that they never warred with the whites, but were obliged to take up the hatchet against their ancient enemies, the Apaches, in order to preserve their existence, and having quieted them, they returned to their peaceful avocations.

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DISEASES.—The tribe is more or less tainted with venereal diseases. The Indians are scattered over the reservation, and the agency physician attends to but a small portion of those who are sick. No reliable statistics of diseases and deaths have ever been collected, and it is impossible to determine with any great degree of accuracy the proportion of deaths resulting from the several diseases or accidents. The agency physician reports the diseases as scrofula, consumption, conjunctivitis, and syphilis. Rheumatism prevails to some extent, but owing to the mildness of the climate it is not as prevalent as among tribes farther north. Scrofulous swellings on the neck and scrofulous ulcers are often seen. One old resident thinks that from 10 to 20 per cent of the deaths are due to consumption. The physician claims that a large majority of the cases of scrofula and conjunctivitis can be traced to a syphilitic taint.

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The Indians can not be relied upon to administer medicines furnished and prescribed by the physician. A large majority of them lack faith in prescribed remedies. They prefer the singing and howling of the medicine man.

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765 baskets of grain on their heads. In passing around the third time, the women throw the grain upon the pyre. The fire is then kindled, and everyone wails as long as it continues to burn.

756 [787] The medicine-men, like those of other Yuman tribes, claim, and fully believe, that through dreams they have acquired the divine gift of healing disease. In their treatment of 755 a patient two eagle feathers are held in the right hand and a gourd rattle in the left. The feathers are waved over the body to drive the evil from the head to the feet, for sickness is believed to pervade the whole body, not merely a portion of it. Alternating with the feathers the rattle is used to accompany the singing. While waving the feathers the medicine-man blows across the patient's body, to drive away the evil spirits. At [533] intervals he recounts in a falsetto chant the story of the dreams through which he received his power. The songs last all night, and the treatment usually continues for four nights, but may be shortened if the patient recovers, or extended if the case de- 787 mands it. The Maricopa attach much the same importance to dreams as do the Mohave. So great is their faith in the revelations derived from them that to wish a friend "good luck" in the Maricopa language one must say /84/ "good dreams"—
756 787 159 sümashnhót. An exemplification of the nature of the supernatural instruction claimed by the doctors is given in the following narration of the head medicine-man of the Maricopa:

"One night when I was a boy about five years of age, Tinyám, the Darkness, came to me in the form of a man, and said, 'Go see!' I went to the north and there saw a great many people. Darkness showed me the whole earth and the names of the different mountains. Then Buzzard came for me. He took me straight down to where the animal people were, and called to them, 'Look at this boy and have a good feeling for him; give him dreams, that he may cure the sick and make his people well.' So every kind of bird gave me a dream and strength. Kapít, the Turtle, sat down beside a sick man and breathed upon him. Soon the sick man began to breathe regularly. Then Kapít told me to try this, and I did as he had done. When the animal people saw this, they wept for joy; and Buzzard said, 'That will be enough here; I shall take you to another place.'